



Wisconsin Conservation Congress  
 Elk and Deer Advisory Committee  
 Meeting Minutes

**WCC Meeting Minutes**  
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<b>ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>	08/11/2018	9:30 AM	Grand Lodge Waterpark Resort in Wausau, WI
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**I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by	Mike Riggle at 9:30 AM
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**B. ROLL CALL**

ATTENDEES	Alan Horvath, Rick Olson, Jay Koenig, James Morning, Roger Sabota, Mike Riggle, Dale Ebert, Kieran Kramer, Mark Noll, Dave West, Al Marotz, Stan Brownell, Allan Jacobson, Wright Allen, Douglas Seidl, Larry Gohlke, Andy Geiger, Mike Burkart, David Breunig, Tony Grabski, Thomas Schwefel, Charlie Brown, Martin Haas, Robert Bohmann. Junior Member Cal Smithberg
EXCUSED	Tom Johnson, Duane Beyer, Marlin Laidlaw, Jacob McCutcheon, Douglas Williams
UNEXCUSED	None
GUESTS	as they appear in these minutes below for citizen resolutions and DNR Liaisons: Kevin Wallenfang, Dave Zebro, Dan Storm, Brad Hutnik, Micahael Schmidt from DNR was present at times.

**C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR**

DISCUSSION	Order of Citizen Resolutions will be change to accomadate authors that are present.
ACTION	Bohmann/ Brown Passed

**D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT**

DISCUSSION	Read by vice chair Horvath
ACTION	Brown/Seidl

**E. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

DISCUSSION	Nobody had signed up for public comments.
ACTION	

**II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS**

**A.**

1.	#13 Re-establishment of weigh-in station requirements for harvested deer 720718	Al Peterson
	DISCUSSION	See attached resolution for particulars. New information shared and discussion items include: Author said he meant to say registration stations and not weigh in stations. This caused a discussion about non-registered deer and believability of numbers. Going back to metal tags and registrations would make many happier and would disappoint many. Aging information has been lost. Author liked face to face with DNR game manager and immediate feedback on deer's age.
	ACTION	Reject
	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Bohmann/Schwefel Motion to reject passed 14-8	

2.	#18 Restore deer tagging requirements in statute from 22 counties	Joe Ryder
	DISCUSSION	See attached resolution for particulars. New information shared and discussion items include: Author is a retired warden. Retired wardens Mark Beifuss, Rolland Lee, and Dave Arendt all sent letters of support. Having a tag on a carcass gives the wardens a tool to enforce laws. This resolution passed in 22 counties by a total vote of 1274 to 408.
	ACTION	Advance
	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

Noll/Marotz Motion to advance passed	
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3.	#15 Remove restrictions that specify deer harvest on either private or public land 110118	Douglas Cole
DISCUSSION	See attached resolution for particulars. New information shared and discussion items include: author felt this would end discrimination against those that hunted wildlife areas that were in more than one county. In the south so many tags are available that this is less of an issue.	
ACTION	Reject	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
Bohmann/Seidl Motion to reject passed		

4.	#8 Designate antler point restrictions in Kewaunee, Door, and Brown Counties 310118	Randy Gilson
DISCUSSION	See attached resolution for particulars. New information shared and discussion items include: This resolution only passed 27 to 25 in Kewaunee County and was not introduced in Door or Brown County. Author informed us that he didn't need their support or ours because he would continue reaching out to Scott and the governor would grant this. Author did state that this could increase the doe kill.	
ACTION	Reject	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
Bohmann/Brown Motion to reject passed		

5.	#10 Game farms and DNR jurisdiction 590818	John Hoeffs
DISCUSSION	See attached resolution for particulars. New information shared and discussion items include: Author is interested in feeding and baiting by changing current rules. Congress is interested in ending feeding and baiting.	
ACTION	Advance Geoger/Morning failed. Then a motion to reject.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
Jacobson/West Motion to reject passed		

6.	#5 Controlling deer movement through high fences and repellents 270418 & 620118	Jason Wood
DISCUSSION	See attached resolution for particulars. New information shared and discussion items include: Author told horror stories of high fence being built to hurt neighboring hunters.	
ACTION	Advance Schwefel/Olson failed 9-11. Then a motion to reject	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
Geiger/Bohmann Motion to reject passed		

7.	#6 Create a phone-in database to register and pick up car-killed deer 670618	Paul "JR" Salinas
DISCUSSION	See attached resolution for particulars. New information shared and discussion items include: Author had gotten lots of positive feedback from others. His feedback indicated that all but the largest counties would welcome the use of the 911 system to keep track of deer hit on highways. Lots of positive reasons were presented to have a program to make use of carcasses for human or dog consumption. The new system has taken us part of the way there.	
ACTION	Reject	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
Schwefel/Geiger Motion to reject passed 10-9		

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| 8.                                     | #7 Deer carcass transportation regulation changes 600218   | Frank Sterzen |
| DISCUSSION                             | See attached resolution for particulars. New information shared and discussion items include: The DNR board has made a major change in the 72 hour requirement. Now the 72 hours start when deer is taken out of deer camp instead of at the time of registration. This allows for hunters to get deer to taxidermist or deer processor AFTER deer camp. |               |
| ACTION                                 | Approve  |               |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE                  | DEADLINE   |               |
| Brown/Burkart Motion to approve passed |  |               |
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| 9.                                       | #19 Separate archery elk hunting season 420518   | Patrick Peck |
| DISCUSSION                               | See attached resolution for particulars. New information shared and discussion items include: An archery season could allow for more application fees that might go to habitat improvement. Discussion included stating that we haven't held our first season yet and there will be a review after that season but it is early to make changes. With plan to only harvest 10 bull elk it is premature to have a youth, archery, muzzleloader, and rifle season. Any weapon can be used during the planned season and blaze orange is not required. |              |
| ACTION                                   | Approve Brownell/Ebert failed 8-12. Then motion to reject  |              |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE                    | DEADLINE   |              |
| Bohmann/Schwefel Motion to reject passed |  |              |
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| 10.   | After lunch #1 Allow the harvest of white deer in Winnebago County 710718   | Not present |
| DISCUSSION  | See attached resolution for particulars. New information shared and discussion items include: Similar resolutions have gone to the executive committee and DNR board. After motion to reject was passed a motion to allow the harvest of white deer was made by Bohmann/Geiger. The resolution is to be finalized by co-chair. Motion passed. |             |
| ACTION  | Reject  |             |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE   | DEADLINE  |             |
| Bohmann/Brown Motion to reject passed then new motion see above in discussion |   |             |
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| 11.                                   | #2 Allow the use of antlerless permits on public use areas covering multiple counties #590418   | Not present |
| DISCUSSION                            | See attached resolution for particulars. New information shared and discussion items include: This could be looked at during a review of the deer trustee recommendations. This problem is new to the county as unit concept. |             |
| ACTION                                | Reject  |             |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE                 | DEADLINE  |             |
| Schwefel/Noll Motion to reject passed |   |             |
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| 12.   | #3 Bounty on whitetail deer testing positive for CWD 330118   | Not present |
| DISCUSSION                                    | See attached resolution for particulars. New information shared and discussion items include: A link to a video clip from Mike Foy and Tom Hauge had been sent to committee members. The word "bounty" in this resolution doomed it to failure. The author wasn't present to work on wording changes. |             |
| ACTION  | Reject  |             |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE                         | DEADLINE  |             |
| Bohmann/Schwefel Motion to reject passed 14-7 |   |             |
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| 13. | #4 Cervid farm fencing rule changes 420218 | Not present |
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DISCUSSION	See attached resolution for particulars. New information shared and discussion items include: Board basically handled this with emergency rule. Committee didn't want to forward but also didn't want to appear to be against the resolution so it was decided to table it. That will allow it to be addressed in the future if the emergency rule is not made permanent.	
ACTION	Table	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
Haas/Ebert Motion to table passed.		

14.	#9 Designate bio-waste drop-off sites for each county in Wisconsin 230118	Not present
DISCUSSION	See attached resolution for particulars. New information shared and discussion items include: Some work is taking place in this direction. There was fear as to the cost of this program.	
ACTION	Reject Bohmann/Hass failed. Motion to advance	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
Seidel/West Motion to advance passed		

15.	#11 Limit deer shining with high powered illuminated lights 310318	Not present
DISCUSSION	See attached resolution for particulars. New information shared and discussion items include: Some counties have handled this themselves.	
ACTION	Reject	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
Jacobson/Bohmann Motion to reject passed		

16.	#12 No cervid urine-based attractants in Monroe County 420118	Not present
DISCUSSION	See attached resolution for particulars. New information shared and discussion items include: Some states allow an archery association to decide which lures are to be considered safe. (they require an ATA stamp on them)	
ACTION	Reject	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
Bohmann/Schwefel Motioned to reject passed		

17.	#14 Regulations for captive cervid facilities 270118	not present
DISCUSSION	See attached resolution for particulars. New information shared and discussion items include: Too many deer farms are allowed to keep deer with CWD in areas of the state with no wild CWD found in testing.	
ACTION	Advance	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
Jacobson/Gohlke Motion to advance passed		

18.	#16 Require DWD testing for elk transported to Wisconsin for introduction by the DNR 250118	Anthony Grabski
DISCUSSION	See attached resolution for particulars. New information shared and discussion items include: No live gold standard test is available for elk. This would close down the state elk program.	
ACTION	Advance Grabski/Schwefel fail 2-13. Motion to reject	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
Olson/Seidl Motion to reject passed		

19.	#17 Require physical tagging and registration of deer and turkey 710118	[PRESENTER]
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DISCUSSION	See attached resolution for particulars. New information shared and discussion items include: This resolution includes turkey. We already acted on and passed a deer tagging resolution and we already opposed a deer in-person registration resolution.	
ACTION	Reject	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Bohmann/Schwefel Motion to reject passed		

**B. Department information items and updates**

Kevin Wollenfang and Dave Zebro

DISCUSSION	It was 3 PM when we got to this part of the agenda so things were covered quickly. 2017 deer season report. 18,200 deer aged. Biologist enjoyed having opening day to hunt instead of aging deer. Review of new aging system. 2018 deer season preview. Iron County is the single state buck only unit. Some new metro units. Some changes to zones. 19 holiday hunts and 12 of these with extended archery seasons. DNR board recently had emergency rules covering new carcass transportation language and enhanced deer farm fencing requirements. An interesting talk is available about CWD by looking up Joe Rogan Experience 1154 with Doug Duren and Bryan Richards. There are 77,919 acres and 61 sponsors signed up for the disabled deer hunt. DMAP has 431,764 acres enrolled and has an 80% approval rating. CDAC members have reported being very satisfied. WDNR has received Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Award. No wolf kills since at least last September. Eight Claim Lake elk from Kentucky drowned before learning the dangers of thin ice. One more year left to bring elk from Kentucky. DNR will be hiring new elk, bear, and wolf scientist. Recent elk count in Claim Lake was 220-230 adults and calves, in Black River 65 adults and calves. This fall will feature the first recent Wisconsin elk hunt with a limit of 10 bulls. Wardens will eventually be replaced by park rangers in state parks.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

**C. Baiting and feeding update**

Kevin Wallenfang

DISCUSSION	After Kevin's update a motion was made by Bohmann/Horvath to draft a resolution to ban baiting and feeding of deer in Wisconsin year round. Motion carried. A second motion by Bohmann/Ebert to send a letter to the executive committee asking that if baiting/feeding were to continue being legal, all bait/feed must be spread out over at least a 10 foot by 10 foot area. Motion passed.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

**D. Discussion of the deer trustee recommendation rule changes and their effectiveness**

Mike Riggle

DISCUSSION	By now it was after 4 PM. Mike suggested handling this during a Spring meeting.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

**E. CWD best management plan**

Mike Riggle

DISCUSSION	This was also sent to a Spring meeting agenda.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

**F. Genetic Research**

Mike Riggle

DISCUSSION	Riggle explained that there is a big difference between resistant and immunity. Some deer do carry CWD and spread the disease longer than others before dying. No deer have been found to be immune to CWD. This genotype makes up a small per cent of the deer herd as it seems to make the deer less able to survive. In 100 years we could have a deer that live longer carrying and spreading CWD but made up of deer less able to survive even without CWD.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**III. MEMBERS MATTERS**

DISCUSSION	All members passed except vice chair Hovath who reported on a deer agriculture damage question from Marlin Laidlaw. An offer was made to send the regs to anyone present that was interested.
ACTION	Motion to adjourn was made by Breunig/Seidl and not surprisingly it passed!

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

MEETING ADJOURNED	4:30 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Volunteer secretary Larry Gohlke
DATE	08/11/2018